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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF PLAISTOW

RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES

REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

Hamilton Smith
Library,
University of
New Hampshire

For the Year Ending February 15, 1917

AMESBURY:
Amesbury Daily News Print
1917

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, HIGHWAY AGENTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1917.

TOGETHER WITH

THE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1916 AS PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK

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TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICERS ELECTED BIENNIALLY

Representative to General Court

Fred P. Hill

Moderator

Fred P. Hill

Supervisors

Frank W. Shannon John Badger

Abram Jenness

OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY

Selectmen, Assessors and Road Agents

Arthur W. Sawyer Theodore Fecteau

William P. Warner

Treasurer

Roy E. Peaslee

Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Hills

Town Clerk

Joseph S. Hills

Constable

John Badger

Trustees of Public Library

Maud Smith Annie L. Dow

Nellie W. Hills

Librarian

Mrs. Margaret T. Ryder

Board of Health

E. A. Landman, M. D.

Auditors

Clifton E. Collins

Fred P. Hill

Police

Forrest S. Davis

George H. Tucker

Henry E. Challis

John Badger

Eugene P. Davis

Fred Leavitt

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

April 1, 1916

Improved and unimproved lands and buildings,	$642,858 00
Horses,	13,276 00
Asses and mules,	340 00
Cows,	7,622 00
Other neat stock,	292 00
Sheep,	14 00
Fowls,	630 00
Vehicles and automobiles,	11,800 00
Portable mills,	200 00
Wood, lumber, etc., not stock in trade,	400 00
Municipal bonds and notes,	8,000 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,	838 00
Stock in trade,	17,950 00
Milling, carding machines and factories and their machinery,	24,400 00
Polls, number 313. Taxes, $626.	
	$728,620 00

APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 1916.

State tax,	$1,102 50
County tax,	1,294 46
Schools.	4,884 50
Highway,	1,754 90
Miscellaneous,	600 00
Town officers,	750 00
Interest,	1,000 00
Snow paths,	200 00
Moth and elm beetle,	150 00
State highway fund,	350 50
Repairing state highway fund,	500 00
Memorial Day,	40 00
Public library,	200 00
Street lighting,	425 00
Chemical engine,	500 00
Janitor,	100 00
Atkinson and Plaistow bridge,	200 00
Kingston highway,	500 00
Swett Hill highway,	500 00
Sinking fund, 1920 bonds,	500 00
Reservoir,	100 00
Overlay,	274 51
	$15,926 37

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1914.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes,		$156 30

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer,	$147 21	
By abatements,	9 09	
		156 30
Int. collected and paid treasurer on 1914 taxes,		$29 95

List of Abatements

Conley, James S., deceased,	$1 09
Conners, Walter, unknown,	2 00
Kimball, Charles E., taxed in Haverhill,	2 00
Libet, Victor, not in town,	2 00
Paquette, Joseph, unknown,	2 00
	$9 09

JOSEPH S. HILLS, Collector.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1915

Dr.

To uncollected taxes,		$2,285 34

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer,	$1,974 64	
By abatement,	18 00	
By uncollected taxes,	292 70	
		$2,285 34

Interest collected and paid treasurer on 1915 taxes,	$86 42

List of Abatements.

Bergeron, Moses, moved away,	$2 00
Butler, Frederick, moved away,	2 00
Condon, Ernest H., moved away,	2 00
Ethier, Armond, moved away,	2 00
Kimball, Charles E., not in town,	2 00
Libet, Victor, not in town,	2 00
Murray Arthur, not in town,	2 00
Stykowski, Stanislas, not in town,	2 00
Marston, Samuel L., not in town,	2 00
	$18 00

JOSEPH S. HILLS, Collector.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1916

Dr.

To amount committed for collection,	$15,926 37

Cr.

By amount paid treasurer,	$13,223 98	
By abatement,	34 20	
By uncollected,	2,668 19	
		$15,926 37
Interest collected and paid treasurer in 1916 taxes,		19 22

List of Abatements

Bradley, John, under 21 years,	$2 00
Brown, John, moved away,	2 00
Buckley, James F., moved away,	2 00

Crepeau, Stanislas, not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Goldsmith, John L., not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Judson, Charles, deceased,	2 00
Joslin, Peter, not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Kaulback, John, not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Libet, Victor, not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Langlois, Almire, not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Leavitt, Clifton B., not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Morse, Bernard B., not in town Apr. 1,	2 00
Sleeper, John Wilder, under 21 years,	2 00
Webster, Henry D., over 70 years,	2 00
Williams, Ora B., deceased,	2 00
Williams, Henry M., overtaxed,	4 20
	$34 20

JOSEPH S. HILLS, Collector.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 1916

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 24, 1916,		$650 59
Rec. from Jos. S. Hills, taxes 1914,	$147 21	
Rec. from Jos. S. Hills, taxes 1915,	1,974 64	
Rec. from Jos. S. Hills, taxes 1916,	13,223 98	
Rec. from Jos. S. Hills, interest,	135 59	
		$15,481 42
State of N. H., state highway,		494 85
Joseph S. Hills, dog licenses,		143 91
Mass. Northeastern St. Ry. Co., snow bill,		14 87
Merchants National Bank, note,		3,000 00
Haverhill National Bank, notes,		11,000 00
State treasurer, insurance tax,		9 00
State treasurer, railroad tax,		587 36
State treasurer, savings bank tax,		36 04
State treasurer, literary fund,		182 85
State treasurer, school fund,		926 88
County treasurer, county poor,		16 00
W. E. Chase, rent of Town hall,		73 50
Jos. S. Hills, dividends on insurance,		8 20
		$32,625 47

ROY E. PEASLEE, Treasurer.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 1916

Cr.

By paying selectmen's orders,	$18,153 80
By paying interest on bonds and notes,	831 11
Haverhill National Bank, notes.	13,000 00

School board, dog licenses.	149 00	
Total disbursements.		$32,133 91
Balance in bank.	$486 26	
Balance on hand,	5 30	
		491 56
		$32,625 47

ROY E. PEASLEE, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS

Paid	
Woodbury L. Marston, ballot clerk,	$6 00
Roy E. Peaslee, ballot clerk,	6 00
A. M. Tozier, ballot clerk,	9 00
Harrie R. Cushing, ballot clerk,	3 00
Harrie R. Cushing, supervisor.	15 00
Warren C. Bayley. supervisor,	15 00
Frank W. Shannon, supervisor,	15 00
Chas. E. Crockett. ballot clerk,	9 00
Arthur W. Sawyer, selectman,	175 00
Theodore, Fecteau. selectman,	50 00
Wm. P. Warner, selectman,	50 00
Roy E. Peaslee, treas..	40 00
Joseph S. Hills, clerk.	40 00
Joseph S. Hills, collector,	309 62
Fred P. Hill, auditor,	3 00
Fred P. Hill, moderator.	15 00
	$760 62

SCHOOLS

Amount appropriated,	$4,884 50
Literary fund,	182 85
State school fund,	926 88
	$5.994 23

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Amount appropriated,	$200 00
Amount paid treasurer,	200 00

COUNTY POOR

Charles Johnson,	$6 00
Services Antell and Sikousky. M. D..	10 00
Charles H. Buzzell,	4 00
	$20 00
Received from county,	16 00
Due from county,	$4 00

MEMORIAL DAY

Amount appropriated,	$40 00
Jr. O. U. A. M.,	40 00

SPRAYING

Paid F. S. Wallace,	$130 00

STREET LIGHTING

Balance. 1915,	$125 00
Amount appropriated,	425 00
	$550 00
Paid Plaistow Electric Light & Power Co.,	550 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated,		$500 00
Paid		
Globe Rubber Works, hose,	$57 94	
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., for 40 gal. chemical,	384 40	
W. C. Libby, supplies,	12 45	
Burfield Machine Co., repairs on hand tub,	10 88	
Theo. Fecteau, rope,	7 60	
Peaslee Lumber Co., lumber,	28 25	
L. Tracy, repairs on tub,	3 11	
Peoples Furnish Co., for stoves, etc.,	16 00	
W. C. Libby, supplies,	7 96	

Murray Dugdale Co., supplies,	1 85	
H. W. Ladd, coal,	19 00	
J. W. Sleeper, supplies,	2 62	
Insurance,	3 00	
		$555 06
Overdrawn,		$55 06

TOWN POOR.

Paid on account of Geo. Kelly,	$12 73
Paid on account Whittier baby,	4 47
	$17 20

DIPHTHERIA

Paid St. German, quarantine,	$12 63

JANITOR

Appropriated,	$100 00
Paid Walter E. Chase,	100 00

BRIDGES

Paid John F. Germundson, culvert,	$1,282 19
Paid for plans and inspection,	50 00
	$1,332 19

NOYES BRIDGE

Appropriated,	$200 00
Paid John F. Germundson,	200 00

SNOW PATHS—SWETT HILL

Dr.

Paid		
Geo. W. Cheney,	$27 47	
Albert Pickard,	19 30	
Albert Pickard, self and help,	33 00	
Jake Slinier,	12 50	
R. W. Harriman,	5 00	

C. D. Harriman,	5 00	
Ira G. Harriman,	2 60	
Albert Davis,	3 11	
Matthew, Ryan,	6 77	
Merle Cheney.	8 76	
Sam C. Cheney,	15 79	
G. B. Cheney.	45 80	
Wm. P. Warner, Jr.,	2 22	
Alonzo Davis,	2 22	
Wm. P. Stalker,	4 07	
		$193 61

SNOW PATHS—CENTRE DISTRICT

Paid

A. W. Sawyer and man,	$9 35	
Woodbury Marston,	1 00	
Nap. Lechance.	1 00	
Theo. Fecteau. cash for help.	102 43	
Thos. Walton,	9 65	
Milton A. Smith,	3 00	
W. E. Chase.	3 00	
Peaslee Lumber Co.,	5 00	
Theo. Fecteau, cash for help,	6 55	
		$140 98
		$334 59

Cr.

Rec. from Northeastern St. R. R..	14 87
	$319 72
Appropriated.	200 00
Overdrawn.	$119 72

POLICE

Paid

H E. Chellis.	$5 00
Fred Leavitt.	6 00

Geo. Lefebore,	4 00
W. E. Chase,	5 00
David Bickford,	4 00
Forrest Davis, self and others,	37 50
John Badger.	8 00
Geo. H. Tucker,	8 00
	$77 50

STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Paid	
Ralph S. Sherbut,	$4 00
M. A. Smith,	11 25
Ed. J. Kempton. patrol,	417 01
Dustoline Oil Co.. oil,	229 90
	$662 10
Received from state,	74 45
	$587 71
Appropriated,	500 00
Overdrawn.	$87 71

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Paid	
Chas. E. Denoncour,	$91 67
Mitchell Vereneau.	37 14
Fred Leavitt.	15 15
M. E. Smith,	34 50
Thos. Bouchard,	5 00
Benj. Trombly,	31 55
C. Colombe.	5 55
Wm. L. Kimball,	19 00
Isaiah Kelly,	13 00
J. Deroche,	2 00
A. W. Sawyer,	22 50

Thos. Walton,	9 00
Peaslee Lumber Co.,	3 26
Chas. Holgate,	13 38
A. Demaris,	9 00
North East Metal Culvert Co.,	66 26
Albert Pickard,	85 60
C. E. Day,	10 00
D. R Harriman.	14 00
Earnest Foss.	30 20
R. W. Harriman,	31 20
C. D. Harriman,	1 00
Nap. Michaud,	1 00
	$550 96

STATE HIGHWAY

Paid	
Fred Leavitt,	$361 50
M. Veroneau,	421 09
M. A. Smith,	255 69
Granite State S. W. Co.,	253 48
Peaslee Lumber Co.,	47 82
Chas. E. Denoncour,	30 00
A. W. Sawyer,	340 38
Chas. Holgate,	246 67
Wm. L. Kimball,	198 55
Isaiah Kelly,	174 78
Geo. E. Smith,	112 42
Ben. Trombly,	8 00
C. Colombe,	15 67
Harry Janvrin,	185 49
John Wyka,	67 16
Henry C. Leavitt,	46 44
Geo. Butler,	32 44
J. Deroche,	6 89
Harry Lake,	3 33
Geo. Roland,	10 67

Steven Frye,	20 00
G. McKevitt,	5 00
Robert Smith,	22 01
D. R. Smith,	46 00
Ray Smith,	44 67
Ed. Bechaud,	23 45
John McCabe,	28 00
Cyrille Belanger,	69 75
F. Fountain,	23 67
F. E. Kelly,	20 78
Lewis Barney,	36 89
Ellsworth Hadley,	71 56
Ed. J. Kempton,	78 59
Guy Walker,	3 10
Perley Gilman,	8 45
Geo. Welch,	2 78
Adam Wasturiski,	11 00
Chas. Folsom,	40 89
Thos. Walton,	16 50
Frank E. George,	11 78
H. Gilbert,	3 00
Henry W. Bauer, grade,	21 60
Emile Bonanfant, grade,	2 60
Sidney Payne, grade,	52 50
F. E. Gove, dynamite,	22 30
Carey Brick Co., coal,	27 00
Underlay Oil Co., oil,	15 03
Colly Bros., posts,	4 00
Total,	$3,551 31
Received from state,	420 40
	$3,130 91

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid

Pruquehan Press, notices,	$1 55

Amesbury Pub. Co., reports,	47 60
Edson C. Eastman, supplies,	6 54
C. J. Senter, tax bills,	5 50
Woodbury & McLeod, badges,	9 00
Geo. Lefelvie, horse hire July 4,	16 00
Geo. Brooks, decorating,	25 00
John Badger, care of tramps,	14 00
John Badger, delivering town reports,	2 50
H. Holt, 3 lots Grist Mill Park,	10 00
Chas. E. Crockett,	1 00
Pollard Ins. Co., insurance,	100 00
Central House Heating Co..	6 45
W. E. Chase, dinner, election,	12 00
Electric light bill,	41 48
A. W. Sawyer, supplies, etc.,	16 10
Hanscom Hardware Co.,	20 86
Geo. W. Lapham,	6 45
Burfield Mach. Co.,	2 50
E. G. Eaton, labor,	4 20
Theo. Fecteau,	15 63
Liability premium,	96 42
Geo. H. Tucker, care of tramp,	2 75
Dr. E. A. Landman, returning births and deaths,	6 75
Roy E. Peaslee, postage,	2 68
Premium on collector's bond,	5 00
Premium on treasurer's bond,	6 00
W. E. Chase, supplies,	7 45
J. W. Sleeper, supplies,	4 96
Geo. Tucker, dog officer,	10 00
Marie J. G. Noyes, wood,	66 00
Joseph Hills, postage,	4 67
Joseph Hills, recording births and deaths,	12 85
D. Kelliher, wood, etc.,	8 00
	$597 89

RECAPITULATION

Town officers,	$760 62
Schools,	5,994 23
Library,	200 00
Board of Health,	60 50
Forest fires,	10 00
Memorial day,	40 00
Moth and elm beetle,	130 00
Street lighting,	550 00
Fire department,	555 06
Bridges,	1,532 19
Public taxes,	2,396 96
Highways,	550 96
State highway,	3,551 31
Repairing state highway,	662 16
County poor,	20 00
Miscellaneous,	597 89
Police,	77 50
Snow paths,	334 59
Janitor,	100 00
Diphtheria,	12 63
Town poor,	17 20
	$18,153 80

MOSES B. DOW FUND

Plaistow, N. H., Feb. 24, 1917.

The trustees of the Moses B. Dow fund, have paid G. M. Gates for grading and caring for the two Dow lots in the Plaistow cemetery eight 54-100 dollars ($8 54-100) leaving a balance in the Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Co. of Portsmouth, N. H. bank book No. 17009 of two hundred and twelve 9-100 dollars ($212 9-100).

FRED P. HILL,
E. A. LANDMAN,
M. KIMBALL WENTWORTH,
Trustees.

DOG LICENSES

57 male dogs for 1 year @ $2.,	$114 00
7 female dogs for 1 year @ $5.,	35 00
2 male dogs for 10 months @ $1.67,	3 34
1 male dog for 6 months @ $1.,	1 00
1 female dog for 10 months @ $4.17,	4 17
	$157 51
68 license fees @ 20c each,	13 60
	$143 91

A true record. Attest:—

JOSEPH S. HILLS, Town Clerk.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Plaistow, N. H., Feb. 27, 1917.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer. Collector of Taxes for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for all expenditures.

FRED P. HILL,
CLIFTON E. COLLINS,
Auditors.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE TAX COMMISSION

Uniform Municipal Accounts

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the town of Plaistow in Rockingham County for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1917.

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR W. SAWYER,
THEODORE FECTEAU,
WM. P. WARNER,
Selectmen of Plaistow.
ROY E. PEASLEE,
Treasurer.

Dated February 24, 1917.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash in hands of town treasurer,	$491 56
Accounts due to the town,	292 70

Taxes not collected, levy of 1915,	2,668 19
Due from State and Town:	
Joint highway accounts, future taxes,	7,939 12
Due from County:	
Charles H. Buzzell,	4 00
Materials and Supplies:	
Stone crusher,	2,000 00
Total assets,	$13,395 57
Excess of liabilities over assets, net debt,	8,804 23
Grand total,	$22,199 80

Liabilities

Due to school districts, dog licenses,	$143 91
Reservoir fund,	200 00
Sinking fund for bonds 1920,	500 00
Swett Hill highway,	355 89
Short term notes outstanding,	11,000 00
Bonds outstanding,	10,000 00
Total liabilities,	$22,199 80

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
Property and poll taxes, current year 1916,	$13,223 98
Property and poll taxes, previous year, 1915,	1,974 64
Property and poll taxes, previous year, 1914,	147 21
From State:	
For highways:	
For state aid maintenance,	74 45
For state aid construction,	420 40

Insurance tax,	9 00
Railroad tax,	587 36
Savings bank tax,	36 04
Literary fund,	182 85
For education,	926 88
From County:	
For support of poor,	16 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses,	143 91
Rent of town hall,	73 50
Interest received on taxes,	135 59
Dividends on insurance policies, Joseph S. Hills,	8 20
Massachusetts Northeastern St. Railway, removing snow,	14 87
Total current revenue receipts,	$17,974 88

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers and expenses,	$717 66
Election and registration expenses,	120 06
Care and supplies for town hall,	330 34
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department,	91 25
Fire department,	555 06
Moth extermination,	130 00
Health:	
Health department,	60 50
Vital statistics,	19 60
Highways and Bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	662 16
Town maintenance,	550 96
Street lighting,	550 00
General expenses of highway department,	165 47

Education:		
Libraries,		200 00
Charities:		
Town poor,		29 83
County poor,		20 00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial day and other celebrations,		81 00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Snow paths,		334 59
Printing and delivering town reports,		50 10
Books for town officers,		10 53
Total current mainteance expenses,		$4,679 11
Total receipts brought forward,		$17,974 88
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year,	$3,000 00	
Short term notes issued during year,	11,000 00	
Amount taken from sinking funds to pay principal of debt,	500 00	
Total receipts other than current revenue		$14,500 00
Total receipts from all sources,		$32,474 88
Cash on hand at beginning of year,		650 59
Grand total,		$33,125 47
Total payments brought forward,		$4,679 11
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	$60 00	
Paid on long term notes,	421 11	
Paid on bonded debt,	350 00	
Total interest payments,		831 11

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and bridges—state aid construction,	$3,551 31	
Highways and bridges—town construction, Peaslee and Noyes bridge,	1,532 19	
Total outlay payments,		$5,083 50
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	3,000 00	
Payments on short term notes,	10,000 00	
Paymens to sinking funds,	500 00	
Total indebtedness payments,		$13,500 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to state,	$1,102 50	
Taxes paid to county,	1,294 46	
Payments to school districts,	4,884 50	
Payments to school districts from state,	1,109 73	
Payments to school districts, 1915 dog licenses,	149 00	
Total payments to other governmental divisions,		$8,540 19
Total payments for all purposes,		$32,633 91
Cash on hand at end of year,		491 56
Grand total,		$33,125 47

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, lands and buildings,	$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	500 00
Libraries:	
Furniture and equipment,	800 00
Fire Department, lands and buildings,	300 00
Equipment,	600 00
Highway Department:	
Equipment,	2,000 00
Total,	$29,200 00

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books issued by the Plaistow Public Library for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917 are as follows:

Arts,	0
Biography,	25
Poetry,	30
Description,	33
Fiction,	4,293
History,	30
Literature,	24
Miscellaneous,	1
Natural Science,	29
Periodicals,	6
Religion,	18
Sociology,	4
Travel,	10
Useful Arts,	6
Reference,	82

Making a total of 4,591 books. This is an increase of 843 books over the total number issued last year.

One hundred and twenty-five new books have been added to the library this year, ninety-nine by purchase by the trustees and twenty were gifts. A set of 20 volumes of the Book of Knowledge being the gift of Mr. Arthur G. Pollard. Four volumes were presented by Miss Grace I. Noyes and one by a friend.

Sixty-six new cards have been issued this year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET T. RYDER, Librarian.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

To cash on hand February 15, 1916,	$24 72
Rec. from town treasurer,	200 00
Rec. from fine,	14 36
	$239 08

Cr.

By paying Margaret T. Ryder for services as librarian,	$39 00
Margaret T. Ryder. for cataloging 126 books,	15 75
Mitchell & Co. for books.	83 68
Lillian Parker for books.	6 75
Joseph S. Hills for insurance,	5 00
Courier Publishing Co. for supplies,	10 00
William E. Howe for labels, etc.,	60
Noyes Paper Co. for Tip Top paste powder,	50
Car fares to Haverhill to buy books, etc.,	1 56
Overcharge for damaged books,	1 12
Desk supplies, duster, etc.,	88
Balance in bank,	74 24
	$239 08

MAUD SMITH, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Another year of continued prosperity has attended the Plaistow Public Library. More books have been issued than formerly indicating a larger number of readers. The number of accessions to the library now exceed three thousand. We are considering the subject of some new shelves for the reading room as more space is needed to accommodate our rapidly increasing amount of reading matter. Our friends still continue to remember us. Mr. Pollard with twenty volumes, rightly named, they being veritable treasuries of knowledge. The library has

been under the same efficient management as in the past year and we would congratulate the librarian and our many friends on the success which has attended their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE L. DOW,
MAUD SMITH,
NELLIE W. HILLS,
Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

The Board of Education makes its annual report, feeling that we have made some progress toward good schools during the past year.

We have secured qualified teachers with excellent moral character. The school district will receive from the state, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars next year for qualified teachers, that we had this year. We believe that it is a wise policy for Plaistow to keep its teachers year after year, and pay them a fair wage.

During the past year, we have received from Arthur G. Pollard, the equipment for the playground, making it one of the best places for play in our state. We are very grateful for the interest of Mr. Pollard in our school, and we feel sure that his work is appreciated by the citizens of the town.

We have followed the New Hampshire course of study as far as we have the equipment, and the room.

Agriculture, domestic science and music should have a place in the course of study. Music has become a vital and a necessary part of education. We believe that Plaistow should have a music instructor for one day a week, thus giving our boys and girls the same advantages as other schools of like size.

The educational world today demands that agriculture be taught in the public schools. The foundation of all agriculture teaching in the schools, must rest upon nature study in the work of the primary grades. The primary scholar is at once interested in nature work, but if such work is neglected with the youngest pupils, it is difficult to arouse their interest later. Nature study

is to educate the child in terms of its environment to the end that his or her life may be fuller and richer. Nature study work has been so generally adopted and approved by educational leaders throughout the country, as a vital part of all elementary education, that no plea for its support is necessary.

The Pollard School has been overcrowded all the year. We found it necessary to secure an extra teacher for the overcrowded grades. We believe that the Pollard School should be enlarged. It is injustice to both teacher and pupils to have sixty or more in a room. If we had two more rooms it would solve the question for a little time.

The question of transportation of the school children is one of the most difficult problems your school board faces. We believe on general principles that the centralized school for the higher grades and the larger children, is the best policy.

The citizens of Pine Street feel that a school building should be built there for the benefit of the smaller children.

The Westville school, in spirit and in practical results ranks among the best.

During the past year your school board have worked together in harmony, trying ever to be fair and just with every problem. A member of the school board should have the co-operation, help and support in making our schools better and our future citizens better prepared for the work of life.

The amount of money asked for in the school warrant was suggested by the advisory board and approved by the board of education.

We shall need for High school tuition,	$700 00
For books and supplies,	240 00
	$940 00

MARGARET T. RYDER,
WILLIAM P. WARNER, Jr.
CHELLIS V. SMITH,

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Rev. Chellis V. Smith — Mrs. Margaret T. Ryder
Wm. P. Warner, Jr.

Treasurer

Roy E. Peaslee

Truant Officer

Chas. E. Crockett

Auditors

Fred P. Hill — Clifton Collins

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District of the town of Plaistow qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town hall in said district on the 17th day of March at 8 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools over and above the amount prescribed by law. Recommended $1,000.00.
8. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum

of $164.00 for salaries of district officers.

9. To see how much money the district will vote to raise for transportation of school children. Recommended $600.00.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of $211.50 for interest on notes and bonds.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of $25.00 for medical inspection.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise $50.00 for minor repairs.

13. To see what action the district will take in regard to enlarging the Pollard School House and providing equipment for same.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Plaistow this 17th day of March 1917.

CHELLIS V. SMITH,
MARGARET T. RYDER,
WM. P. WARNER, Jr.,
School Board.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

CHELLIS V. SMITH,
MARGARET T. RYDER,
WM. P. WARNER, Jr.,
School Board.

Current Revenue

Bal. from last year,	$1,181 26
Amt. of money required by law 1916,	1,102 50
Amt. voted at school meeting,	2,325 00
Amt. assessed for school books and supplies,	175 00
Amt. assessed for H. S. tuition,	500 00
Amt. assessed for flags and appurtenances,	50 00
Amt. assessed salaries of district officers,	164 00
Amt. literary fund received from state,	182 85
Amt. rec. from state for support of schools,	864 00
Act. rec. from state for H. S. tuition,	62 88
Amt. rec. for dog licenses,	149 00
Amt. from other sources not included above,	7 84
Amt. raised for repairs,	325 00
Amt. raised to pay interest,	243 00
Total revenue,	$7,332 33

Current Expenditures

Amt. paid for text books,	$113 04
Amt. paid for reference books and maps,	15 19
Amt. paid for scholars' supplies,	46 59
Amt. paid for teachers' salaries,	2,701 50
Amt. paid for medical inspection,	25 00
Amt. paid for school board services and expenses,	108 12
Amt. paid for truant officer and school census,	30 00
Amt. paid for other district officers,	34 00
Amt. paid for H. S. tuition,	582 00
Amt. paid for flags and appurtenances,	20 69
Amt. paid for transportation of pupils,	842 02
Amt. paid for minor repairs,	186 21
Amt. paid for insurance,	16 00
Amt. paid for janitor service,	301 35
Amt. paid for fuel,	214 47
Amt. paid for light,	20 31

Amt. paid for unclassified expenditures,	104 67
Total current expenditures,	$5,361 16

Extraordinary Expenditures

Amt. paid for new equipment,	$91 80
Liquidation of debts,	700 00
Interest on indebtedness,	238 47
Total,	$6,391 43
Balance,	940 90
	$7,332 33

MARGARET T. RYDER, Sec.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

1916

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By paying orders,		$6,391 43
Balance in bank,	$939 31	
Balance on hand,	1 59	
		940 90
		$7,332 33

Financial Statement

Of all notes and bonds for the school district:

Due on school bonds,	$3,000 00
Due on school note No. 1,	1,700 00
	$4,700 00

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To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1916,		$1,181 26
Rec. from town treasurer,	$4,884 50	
City of Haverhill, rebate on tuition Walter Davis,	7 14	
Chellis V. Smith, broken glass,	70	
Rec. from state treasurer,	1,109 73	

Rec. from dog licenses,	149 00	
		6,151 07
		$7,332 33

ROY E. PEASLEE, Treas. School Dist.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Plaistow, N. H., Feb. 27, 1917.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917 and find the same to be correct and properly vouched for all expenditures.

FRED P. HILL,
CLIFTON E. COLLINS,
Auditors.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Feb. 20, 1917.

To the School Board of Plaistow:

Herewith I submit my second annual report.

Since the last report, there have been some changes of which I will endeavor to speak. First, the playground and its equipment. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Arthur G. Pollard who so generously and kindly made such a playground a reality. I am quite sure those who have had access to it have enjoyed the appartus, and we at the school have benefited from it. I very frankly state, however, that I believe restrictions or regulations should be made concerning use of playground outside school hours.

Second, the enrollment and membership of our school. During September, 1916 there were 190 pupils enrolled, an increase of the year before. This applies to Pollard school only.

The rooms most congested on account of this increase are those of grades I and II with 54 pupils, and

grades V and VI with 63 pupils. This being too many for the respective teachers to care for properly, another teacher, Miss Beulah Averill, was engaged to assist in both rooms as needed. The plan has worked admirably.

Your principal has realized the congestion during the noon hour when around eighty pupils assemble in a room accommodating only thirty pupils. How splendid and ideal it would be to have a place suited for eating lunches!

Third and last, a few figures will be presented. These records embrace the year from September 1915 to July 1916 as follows:

Pollard School—Average membership, 165; per cent. of attendance, .91; tardy marks, 247; pupils not absent nor tardy, 8.

Westville School—Average membership, 44; per cent. attendance, .95; tardy marks, 147; pupils not absent nor tardy, 2.

It is clearly seen that the tardy mark question needs consideration. Allow me at this time to urgently request parents to see that children are punctual in attending school.

I wish also, to thank those parents who have cooperated with us in the interests of both school and pupils. Most of all, I thank you, members of the School Board, for the sincere and hearty support you have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE A. SILVER, Principal.

VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H.

1916

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF PLAISTOW YEARENDING DEC. 31, 1916.

Date		Name of Child	Sex		Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan.	20	Joseph Oliver Labonte	M		Marcelle Labonte	Emma Fountain
	28	————Langlios	M		Elmer Langlois	Lillian Miron
Feb.	14	Raeburn Sherbut	M		Ralph S. Sherbut	Annie E. Sawyer
Mar.	8	Evelyn Adelaide Day	F		Charles A. Day	Mary Effie Lombard Bemis
	17	Frances Viola Anderson	F		Ervin W. Anderson	Sarah E. Gates
	21	Chester Collins	M	Twins	Eugene F. Collins	Lydia M. LeClaire
	21	————Collins	F	Stillborn	Eugene F. Collins	Lydia M. LeClaire
	25	Wayland William Robinson	M		Harry F. Robinson	Jessie L. Williams
May	20	Raymond Ernest Tucker	M		Ernest G. Tucker	Alta Ladd
	25	Satanig M. Tavitian	F		Michael Tavitian	Nazanig Boyajian
	28	Raymond Raoul Louis Desmarais	M		Louis Desmarais	Priscllia Marcotte
July	7	Louise Emile Picher	F		Nelson Picher	Marie Louise Gauthier
Aug.	4	Helen Paquette	F		Emile Paquette	Amelia Goodreault
	9	Donald Keezer Davis	M		Edgar A. Davis	Bernice H. Keezer
	12	Harold Edward Wiggin	M		Guy C. Wiggin	Catherine Campbell
	13	Alice Evelyn Beaudry	F		Henry Beaudry	Alice M. Coulombe
	21	Norman Chandler True	M		Benjamin H. True	Marjorie Paquette
	22	Ella Eva Hudson	F		Ralph E. Hudson	Annie E. Smart
Sept.	14	Joseph Ethier	M		Alphonse Ethier	Edith M. Sauvin
	30	Helen Elizabeth Gould	F		Edward B. Gould	Rosa A. Hill
Nov.	8	————Elliott	F		Frank Elliott	Helen Bond
	13	John Irwin George	M		Philip C. George	Elsie L. Huse
	15	Louis Henry Leavitt	M		Henry O. Leavitt	Mary E. Legault
	16	Stanwood Willis Johnson	M		Ellis C. Johnson	Donna G. Hills
	25	Frances Alice Currier	F		Lester A. Currier	Alice M. Warner
Dec.	25	Arthur B. Lake	M		Harry W. Lake	Edith Emery

A true record. JOSEPH S. HILLS *Town Clerk*,

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1916

Date		Name	Age Y	M	D	Cause of Death	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan.	5	Patrick Newcomb	73			Double Pneumonia	John Newcomb	
Jan.	25	Frank Maslowski		1	11	Pneumonia	Adam Maslowski	Mary Glushak
Feb.	24	Gardner S. Towle	80	0	26	Apoplexy	Simeon Towle	Hannah Yeaton
Feb.	27	Carl Hazeltine Sawyer	23	7	14	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Arthur W. Sawyer	Mary A. Hazeltine
Mar.	5	Elizabeth D. Hunkins	52	6	14	Pneumonia	John G. Chase	Ann D. Chase
Mar.	17	Joseph Flint Kelleher Collins		10	17	Found dead—Heart	Daniel J. Kelleher	Jennie A. Jouse
Mar.	21	————Collins	0	0	0	Stillborn	Eugene F. Collins	Lydia M. LeClaire
Mar.	27	Samuel T. Farrington	64	10	28	Nephritis	Samuel Farrington	Alice A. Thompson
April	1	Etta Eva Smart	56	2	12	Diabetes	Allen Hall	Hannah Young
April	8	Alexander W. Morrison	57	8	12	Caner of Stomach	Lochland Morrison	
May	21	George J. Hill	82	4	7	Senile debility	Wenthworth Hill	Asenath Harmon
June	3	Cyrus B. Leavitt	70	5	2	Apoplexy	Bryant Leavitt	Mary Varney
June	9	Herbert H. Furber	64	5	6	Apoplexy	George Furber	Angeline Chappin
July	6	Ephrem "Frank" Belanger	66	3	15	Apoplexy	Jean B. Belanger	
July	22	Charles H. Judson	26	5	0	Accidental drowning	William Judson	Sarah Warner
May	21	Orra B. Williams	68	11	18	Cancer of Stomach	Benjamin Williams	Hannah Rowell
Sept.	3	Francis Musso		2		Ileo Colitis	Charles Musso	Delia Kelly
Sept.	14	Joseph Ethier		0	0	Asphyxia	Alphonse Ethier	Edith M. Gauvin
July	13	Louise Emille Picher		0	6	Chloera Infantum	Nelson Picher	Marie L. Gauthier
Oct.	16	Henry Smith Kelly	68	10	25	Softening of Brain	Joseph B. Kelly	Hannah Kelly
Oct.	30	Minnie A. Peaslee	59	7	23	Uterine Carcimona	James Whittier	Ellen M. Kennedy
Oct.	30	Ella F. Fernald	62	2	25	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Benjamin Perkins	Elvira Clark
Nov.	14	John Irwin George		0	0	Premature Birth	Philip C. George	Elsie L. Huse
Dec.	2	Edith Grosvenor Davis	16	9	12	Diabetes	Augustin I. Davis	Etta L. Grosvenor
Dec.	30	Sarah Frances Simonds	63	3	28	Uremia	David Hinds	Urilla Cookson

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1916.

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence	Age	Birthplace	By Whom Married and Residence
Jan. 15	William Nicholas Eaton	Haverhill, Mass	27	Newburyport, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
	Lydia Mary Hazelton	Merrimac, Mass.	27	Havehill, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Mar. 30	Clifton Earle Staples	Haverhill, Mass.	20	Haverhill, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
	Lillian Zeiner	Haverhill, Mass.	17	Lawrence, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
June 14	Ovide Fecteau	Plaistow, N. H.	23	Plaistow, N. H.	J. B. Bousequet, Catholic Priest
	Irene Harriet Belanger	Lawrence, Mass.	25	Lawrence, Mass.	Lawrence, Mass.
Aug. 5	John Francis Monahan	Haverhill, Mass.	39	Norton, N. B.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
	Maude Eugenie Talbot	Haverhill, Mass.	41	Hudson, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Aug. 10	Everett Scott Ainsworth	Amesbury, Mass.	25	Amesbury, Mass.	Chellis V. Smith, Clergyman
	Harriet Densy Knight	Haverhill, Mass.	31	Newburyport, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Aug. 19	Walter A. Severance	Brockton, Mass.	48	Milford, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
	Mary E. Nason Whittier	Amesbury, Mass.	47	Portland, Maine	Plaistow, N. H.
Aug. 19	Alpheus H. Wentworth	Plaistowm N. H.	35	Plaistow, N. H.	R. Albert Goodwin, Clergyman
	Alice G. Canney	Haverhill, Mass.	31	Groveland Mass.	Atkinson, N. H.
Sept. 2	Ray Wilmer Corliss	Gloucester, Mass.	33	Gloucester, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
	Mary Elizabeth Sullivan	Cambridge, Mass.	32	E. Cambridge, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Sept. 19	William H. Thomas	Plaistow, N. H.	26	Greenfield, Maine	M. J. Moher, Catholic Priest
	Ethel Medora Kelley	Plaistow, N. H.	16	Plaistow, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.
Oct. 14	James Sweeney, Jr.	Haverhill, Mass.	25	Ireland	J. D. Leach, Clergyman
	Martha Jane Forsythe	Haverhill, Mass.	25	Ireland	Exeter, N. H.
Nov. 4	William Charles Wenzel	Haverhill, Mass	22	New York, City	Chellis V. Smith, Clergyman
	Ella Moir	Haverhill, Mass.	19	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Plaistow, N. H.
Dec. 23	Ralph C. Clark	Haverhill, Mass.	24	Malden, Mass.	Christopher R. Hamlin, Clergyman
	Catherine H. Martin	Haverhill, Mass.	17	Haverhill, Mass.	Haverhill, Mass.
Dec. 24	Maurice Tuttle Granville	Haverhill, Mass.	21	Berwick, Maine	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
	Elsie Gordon Morehouse	Lawrence, Mass.	22	Lawrence, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.

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